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The Panther

Coleman, Well-Known Benefactor, Dies; Was Friend of PV



John Coleman

Chandra Baty
Panther Reporter

Dr. John Brady Coleman, for whom Prairie View's library was named, died March 5 at Methodist Hospital in Houston after a long illness. He was 64.

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents voted unanimously in July 1988 to name the, then, newly constructed library in his honor.

Former university president Percy A. Pierre wrote during his tenure, "...it is fitting that the Board of Regents has chosen to name this new building for a man who has amply demonstrated his commitment to higher education."

In 1977, Coleman, who became known as a humanitarian, businessman, educator, physician, and community

leader, was the first African-American to be appointed to the TAMU Board of Regents by former Gov. Dolph Briscoe and reappointed by former Gov. Mark White in 1983. He had been a former member of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University and Huston-Tillotson College.

"Coleman was very vocal in the position that PV had been underfunded historically. He was a staunch supporter of the All-Faiths Chapel and was instrumental in the growth of the nursing facility in

Houston," said Joahanne Thomas-Smith, assistant provost for Academic Affairs.

Coleman, along with Texas legislators Senfronia Thompson and Wilhelmina Delco, played a vital role in ensuring that Prairie View received a portion of the equity funding, said Thomas-Smith.

Equity funding is a part of the Permanent University Fund that was issued to state-supported schools such as Prairie View A&M University and Texas A&M University. Revenue from oil and gas leases on selected state property is disbursed to state schools. In the early 1980s, Texas voters voted on the

referendum that Prairie View should receive more funding.

From that fund, the university annually receives \$12 million. The money is used for scholarships, building improvements, re-landscaping grounds, more equipment and better faculty salaries, said Thomas-Smith.

Coleman received his bachelor of science degree from Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. A graduate of Howard University School of Medicine, Coleman became Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology and later Chief of Staff at Riverside General Hospital. He also was president and founder of the Cullen Women's Center.

Coleman belonged to various organizations including Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Greater Houston Partnership, Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce, South Central YMCA, National Medical Association, Southern Christian Leadership and the Houston Area Urban League.

Among those attending Coleman's funeral was Houston City Councilwoman, Shelia Jackson Lee, former U.S. Representative Craig Washington, singer Jennifer Holiday, former Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire, Houston City Attorney Benjamin Hall, and Houston Councilmember Helen

4 PV Students Injured During Car Trip Home for Spring Break



Kimberley Wilcox

By Nicole N. Johnston
Panther Reporter

Four students of Prairie View A&M University were hit by a drunk driver on East 80 Highway in Alabama, as they drove home for spring break.

Kimberley Wilcox, 19, sustained a broken pelvic bone; her brother Reginald Wilcox, 21, suffered a broken jaw and a separated shoulder; Derek Temple, 21, sustained a fractured skull and collarbone; and Tyrone Porter, 20, suffered scrapes and bruises.

All four students were admitted to Phoenix City Memorial Hospital, and have since been released.

Kimberley, Reginald and Derek are home in Warner Robbins, Ga., and are undergoing physical therapy, Porter said.

All three withdrew from school for the semester.

Porter, who was driving, is from Detroit, Mich. and was going home with his friends for the break. He has returned to school.

The accident occurred at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, March 6, Porter said. The drunk driver, Andreas Jones, had been swerving into the opposite lane for a few miles. (East 80 Highway has only two lanes.) Apparently the man was so drunk he had passed out behind the wheel, Porter said.

When Jones swung into Porter's lane, Porter was unable to avoid the accident. They were hit on

the driver's side.

Porter and Temple were seated in front and were both wearing seatbelts. The Wilcoxes were thrown from the vehicle. They were not wearing seatbelts.

A former state trooper had spotted Jones swerving across the road and notified the police who arrived a few minutes after the accident.

Jones was also admitted to Phoenix City Memorial hospital after running off the road about a half mile away and hitting his chest on the steering wheel. Upon arrival Jones was suffering a cardiac arrest.

Police said Jones' blood alcohol level was 0.25 percent. One is considered legally drunk if his/her blood alcohol level is 0.10 percent.

Kimberley, a sophomore chemistry major, was a contestant in this year's Miss Prairie View Pageant.



Prairie View's finest men pose as they compete for the title of Mr. Prairie View A&M University. For results of the pageant, see Lifestyles.

Head of Political Science Dept. plans to leave university

By Derek Walls
Panther Staff

Dr. Mack H. Jones, after seven years as head of the political science department at Prairie View, has accepted an offer at Clark College in Atlanta and will leave PV at the end of this semester.

Jones was offered an endowed chair position in January of this year, and is expected to begin teaching at Clark in the fall.

The position, according to Jones, is the result of an endowment made to Clark.

The investment is to be used to fund his salary, secretarial support staff, travel funds and other job-

related work.

When asked what affect his departure would have on students here, Dr. Jones said, "Anytime someone leaves a place they have been for a while, there is some impact."

"This is a significant promotion, an excellent opportunity. I'll be developing a research institute as well as helping to nurture the development of black political science in the south. Nonetheless, I'm going to miss being here, I've enjoyed my stay," he said.

It is not known who will replace Jones as department head at this time.

Originally from Louisiana, Jones, 57,

received his bachelor's degree in political science from Texas Southern University in 1962, his master's and doctorate, both in political science, from the University of Illinois in 1964 and 1968, respectively.

Jones taught political science at Howard University in Atlanta before coming to Prairie View. Prior to that, he taught at Atlanta University for 18 years.

Jones is married to Barbara, who has been the dean of the College of Business at PV since January 1989.

Asked whether she would be joining her husband in Atlanta, Dr. Barbara Jones indicated that it was not confirmed.

Math Instructor dies after 33 years of service



Samuel Good

Ann Harvey
Panther Reporter

Prairie View A&M University regrets the loss of Mr. Samuel Mansel Good, who died over the spring break holidays. Good taught mathematics at Prairie View for 33 years.

In honor of his

contributions to the math department as well as to his students, a memorial service was held at the All-Faiths Chapel last Monday at 10 a.m.

This tribute to Good was attended by numerous PV
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Student death still under investigation

By Twyla Hargest
Panther Reporter

Investigations are continuing in the death of Carl "Pookie" Smith, former Prairie View student.

In an interview with PV Police Chief Rayford Stephens and Special Investigator Ralph Knapp,

Chief Investigator for PVAMU and Case Manager, it was learned that much progress had been made in unraveling the details of Smith's case. Although specific details could not be disclosed, Chief Stephens was able to give an update on the status of the case.

"Currently we are still following up on leads and information gathered that

day (at the scene), as well as from others," said Chief Stephens. Whether eyewitnesses were present at the shooting could not be ascertained, but Stephens did not exclude the possibility. Stephens was unable to disclose whether Smith's death was a suicide or a homicide. Facts relating to that issue are among the
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Newsday

Briefly

PV HOSTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Marathon Oil Company, the National Association of Black Accountants and PrairieView will team up to host the 2nd Annual Marathon Oil Corporation-Panther Chess Championship. The event will be at 6 p.m. April 6-8, in the Memorial Student Center. For more information on the tournament contact Retta Hall or Dr. Sid Credle at 857-4011.

POETRY CONTEST

The National Library of Poetry is holding an open contest for poets. Send one original poem, any subject and any style. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must post marked by March 31. Send works to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Drive, P.O. Box 704-YF, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

FILM COMPETITION

Students interested in the film competition sponsored by Alamo Car Rental, should obtain entry forms from their film/video departments or they may write, call or fax The Alamo American Film Competition, 1700 N. Dixie Hwy., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33432; (407) 392-4988; fax(407) 750-8175.

PV's JACKSON PROMOTED

The United States Navy Reserves has announced the promotion of Commander Frank D. Jackson to the rank of captain. Jackson also County Commissioner and Director of Auxiliary Services at PV.

COACHES FEATURED

Coach Ron Beard and Athletic Director Barbara Jacket were guest son an Austin TV show. The topic was the recruitment needs at PV. Beard and Jacket hope this interview will help recruitment of top quality athletes for PV.

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NEW DIRECTOR

Nathaniel Johnson, former executive director of information systems department of PV, recently took office as director of iformation systems and chief information officer at Law School Admission Service (LSAS). Johnson was formerly a manager of the information management services division for Milwaukee County in Wisconsin.

PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM

College -bound high school students are being solicited from throughout the area by the PV Institute For Pre-College Enrichment, which is bannered under Office of Career Planning and Outreach Services. The program is opened to "high caliber" students completing 9th, 10th, and 11th grades, who rank in the upper one-third of their class. For further information or applications contact: Institute for Pre-College Enrichment, Prairie View A&M University, P.O. Box 66, Prairie View, Texas 77446-0066.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Communications

The Forensic Team did well in recent competitions. Shunda Franklin, Betty Iroku, and Dee Buchanan qualified for the national tournament which will be held at Western Kentucky University April 14-18. Franklin placed 6 out of 24 students from 14 colleges and universities. Iroku placed fourth in the category of persuasive speaking. Buchanan placed third at the Barbara Jordan Invitational. We wish the team well.

People



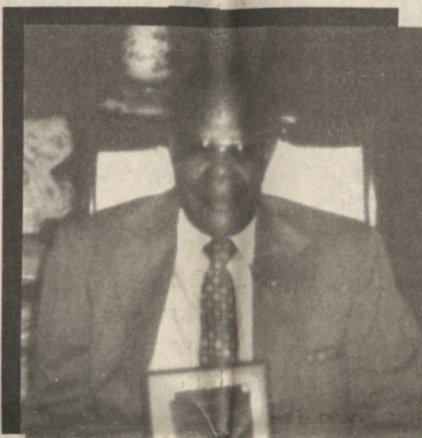
Tanya Cook

Tonya Cook, president of the PV Art Association and graduating senior, will present a body of art work displayed at the John B. Coleman Library Art gallery, March 28-April 8th. The exhibit will consist of a series of layout designs executed in watercolor, color pencil, India ink, markes and acrylics.

Cook is an advertising major from Fort Worth. She is also a member of the yearbook staff, a member of the Ft. Worth Foundation, an assistant stage designer for Student Activities. She has assisted with the design and implementation of several backdrops for Student Activities such as "Can We Bring Back Those Good Old Days," fashion and talent review in 1993.

Cook has participated in a variety of exhibitions such as the New Jack Renaissance Black History Exhibit, A Taste of Artistic Ingenuity, PVAMU Annual Student Exhibit, and Meet the Artist Series.

Faculty



Mr. Charles Joiner

Charles Joiner was instrumental in implementing as well as administering the Socially Disadvantaged Outreach Training and Technical Assistance Projects for the Farmers Home Administration and PV's Cooperative Extension Service. Joiner provided 25 years of service to rural communities throughout Texas. His most notable service during his FmHA tenure was in the Fairfield County Office. He was one of the first FmHA County Supervisors to carry out the Sda program.

Although Joiner is retired, his diligent efforts and contributions continue to have an important effect on Texas FmHA/Prairie View Cooperative Extension project.

Key Dates

MARCH

28- SGA GENERAL MEETING, 7 P.M.
LOCATION (TBA)

APRIL

1- GOOD FRIDAY
3- EASTER SUNDAY
5-PV vs RICE Univ. 3:P.M.(HOME)
BASEBALL
6- EARTH DAY

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BEYOND THE HILL

BLACK AVIATOR

Pioneer aviator Cornelius Coffey, who trained members of the first Black fighter squadron, the Tuskegee Airmen, recently died in Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago. He was 91. Coffey's achievements helped create standards in aviation today. He was born in 1903 and took his first plane ride at the age of three. Despite the bias restricting the career of Blacks, Coffey became the first Black to hold both a pilot's and a master mechanic's license. Coffey is survived by his wife.

GRADUATION RATES LOWER FOR BLACKS

Blacks are attending college in increasing numbers, but they are less likely to stay in school and graduate than Whites students, according to a recent report from the American Council On Education(ACE). In higher education the report found that graduation for Asians and Whites were 63 percent and 56 percent respectively while only 32 percent of Blacks earned a bachelor's degree within six years. The survey also showed that women of all ethnic and racial groups were more likely to graduate than men.

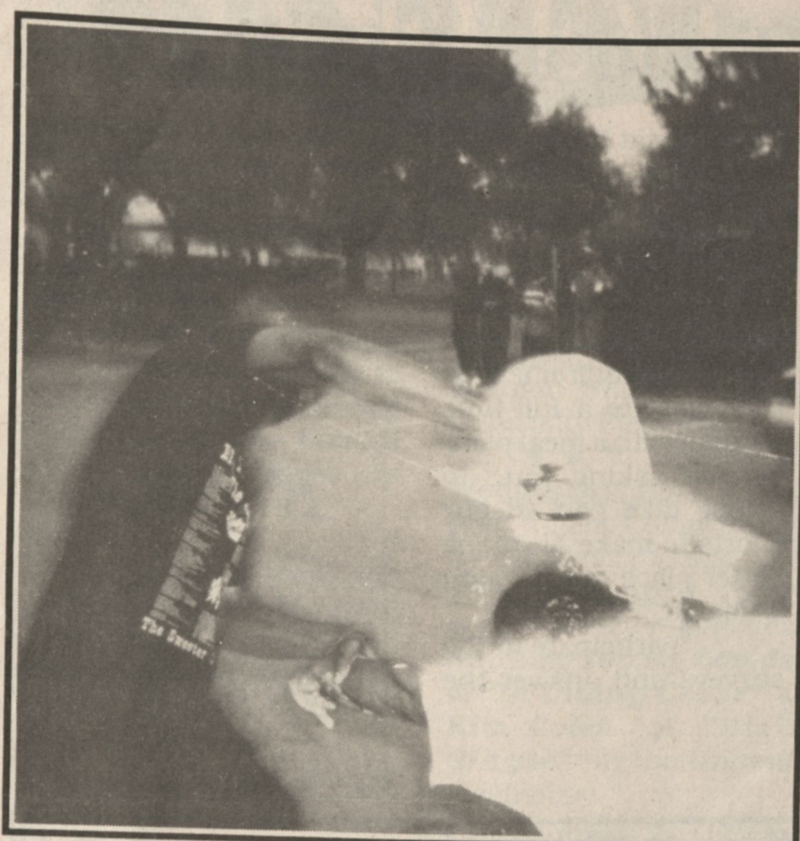
THIRD BLACK GENERAL

Col. Clifford Stanley, a veteran officer who has led platoons of 40 men, recently was selected for promotion to the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Marine Corps. Commissioned 25 years ago from South Carolina State University, Stanley has served in many assignments--from command in the field to desk jobs at the Pentagon. He married and resides in Norfolk, VA. Other Black Marine generals were Lt. Gen. Frank Peterson, and Brig. Gen. George Walls Jr., both retired. Maj. Gen. Jerome Gary Cooper, the only general promoted while in Corps Reserves.

(All stories first reported in JET magazine)

Newsweek

Students Battle it out with Water Guns



Students participate in water fight last Thursday.

Paul Masterson
Panther Reporter

A "war" raged on Prairie View's campus Thursday. Weapons were high tech guns, bombs, grenades and other elusive weaponry.

As shots were being fired screams of victims ringed throughout the air with the sadistic, laughter of the perpetrators hindging on their heinous faces. This war wasn't like any other war.

Yes, there were "deadly" weapons and shots were being fired but, these shots weren't with bullets, these bombs didn't have explosives. For these shots and bombs were water.

The water war of 1994 bombarded Prairie

View's campus with many students participating in the fun and action. One student referred to this as being a way to release the tension of hectic classes and just a way to have fun with out having to drink or get high.

The action began on the steps of alumni, but moved to the parking lot of Hillard Hall. It then moved onto the steps of Banks, Drew, and Collins. Young ladies alike joined the guys in this game of cat and mouse warfare.

The lampooning against male versus female lasted onto the wee morning hours with both groups ending.

A comment from a student said the war has just begun.

Psychology Club Donates Books to Kids

By Ann Harvey
Panther Reporter

Recently the Psychology Club visited the Julia C. Hester House in fifthward Houston.

The new club, which just had it's first fundraiser on Feb. 5th, raised enough money to donate \$ 150.00 worth of Afro-centric books to the newly built Hester House library.

Hester House is a recreational facility that caters to the underprvileged children and elderly in their community.

The House offers day care, after- school programs, and other helpful after school activities for the surrounding community to share.

The Psychology clubs main purpose for going to the Hester House was to help make a difference in the community as well as bring some attention to

the Psychology Department. "Our department is looked over. By becoming more active in fundraising and community service, we hope to get people more interested," said Club president Shannon Wilks, a senior psychology major.

Some other activities of the club include an upcoming Spring forum in which prominent psychologists would come and speak to students.

Next semester the club plans to develop peer groups in surrounding neighborhood schools.

"I think were doing alot of things this semester. We feel good in dealing with the community," said Wilks of the clubs efforts.

The club also plans to donate a new set of encycolpedias to the Hester House to further complete their library by the end of the semester by selling food to graduate students.

Students Honored at Annual Spring Convocation

By Angela Harris
Panther Staff

"The Pursuit of Excellence" was this year's theme for the Fortieth Annual Spring Honors Convocation, held March 23, in the University Field House.

This year's convocation was Prairie View's largest ever. The ceremony was hosted by the College of Nursing's pre-clinical nursing students.

The keynote speaker of the event was Dr. Thomas Freeman, professor of psychology and coach of the internationally reknowned debate team at Texas Southern University.

Freeman held the honorees' as well as the audience's attention throughout the ceremony by presenting different obstacles each scholar has to overcome to receive outstanding achievements and be successful in life.

Freeman enlightened the students with encouraging words such as, "You are somebody among the talented few and no one should be afraid of your accomplishments."

Following the speech Freeman was presented with a plaque from our own Dr. Byrd, and deemed an honorary Panther in "Panther Land".

President Becton acknowledged all of the honorees with a G.P.A.

between 3.0 and 4.0 (an a 4.0 scale). Tau Beta Phi Honor Society represented the engineering department with the largest number of honorees followed by Beta Beta Beta who represented the biology department.

One outstanding student, Deshunda Graves, a senior biology major received a standing ovation for receiving a 4.0 every semester while attending Prairie View.

Department of Nursing Reestablishes Club

By Nicole N. Johnston
Panther Reporter

The nursing department on Prairie View's campus recently reestablished a nursing

club. The club had been inoperative for a few years.

Last November, the club's sponsor, Flora D. Youboty, who is also an advisor in the nursing department, approached nursing majors Treneeka

Beechum, president, and Tonya Sawyer, vice president, with the idea of restarting the club.

They elected officers in January, submitted their constitution to the Office of Student Activities, and have since been registered on campus.

The club's main purpose is to effectively guide pre-clinical students

toward clinical study and act as a support group.

The club's first fundraiser on Valentine's Day earned over \$200. Other fundraising activities scheduled for this semester include an Easter raffle on March 28; an Easter egg hunt for ESL (English as a Second Language) students at Jones Middle School on March 30; and a walk-a-thon for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation scheduled for the last week in April.

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Lady Panthers do well in Track

LISA ROSBOROUGH
Panther Reporter

Coming off of a successful indoor track season with an NAIA All-American track team and a second place overall finish in SWAC, the Lady Panthers' track team appeared in their second

outdoor track meet of the season March 19-20 at the TSU Relays held at Durley Sports Complex at Texas Southern University.

On the first day, Christine Gray finished second in the 400m hurdles and the Sprint Medley Relay team of Lisa Rosborough, Kalimba Perry, Cecilia Crear and Dytonya Maryland placed third. Gray also won the Triple Jump with a leap of 43 feet 11 inches; Yvette French

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Newsweek

Students Can Work with PFM to Improve Food and Services

Lakienya Williams
Special to The Panther
Food Services

The majority of the 6,000 students at Prairie View A&M University, eat at Alumni Hall. Besides Alumni Hall, the Purple P, Taco Bell and Kentucky Fried Chicken are the only other places to eat on campus.

Lakienya Williams, a student, said, "I am sure that there have been many times when you have voiced a complaint about the food

or the service in the cafeteria, to your friends or your family, especially when you miss that good homecooking, but there are people who are listening to your complaints and trying to bring about change for the better."

The Food Service Committee is a group of fifteen members, mainly students, that works with Professional Food Management and Auxiliary Services. "These members work together to make your dining time more pleasant. We take notice

when something goes wrong in the cafeteria and make a move to make sure it does not happen again," said Williams, a committee member.

Which the Food Service Committee is composed of four subgroups which deal with different aspects of food service. The Cycles committee deals with the nutritional value of each meal, the way it is presented, the acceptability of the meal by the students and the cost of each meal. The Specials

committee prepares menus served on nights such as steak night or holidays. The committee also decides on

'monotony breakers' which are meals that offer a change from the norm.

The Complaint - Compliance committee addresses food and service problems. The Survey committee creates surveys to monitor how students feel about the food and service.

The Food Service Committee meetings are open to the public and meet every

Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the office of Auxiliary Services at the bottom of Alumni Hall.

"There are still a few openings for anyone who would like to join. The only requirement is that you are a full-time student with a meal plan. We are asking you to please take part in our efforts to make Alumni a better place to eat," said Williams.

"Participate in the surveys and answer the

questionnaires honestly. Make a complaint known to one of the managers on the floor during mealtimes. They are there to serve you. We need to know your likes and dislikes so that our efforts will be profitable to you," she said.

**Read It
In
Lifestyles**

Army ROTC Holds a Three-Day Training Exercise for Advanced Cadets

Antrina Cooper
Panther Reporter

The Army R.O.T.C Program here at Prairie View conducted a three day field training exercise March 18-20, in order to prepare advance course cadets for advance camp and to familiarize basic course cadets with field training exercises.

The field training exercises (f.t.x.) were led by the junior and senior cadets and evaluated by the professor of military science and his assistants. The cadets started their training exercise by doing a one-mile road march, setting up tents, followed by a night land navigation course.

After the cadets completed their land navigation with complete success, they moved on to do the Squad Tactical Reaction Assessment Course (STRAC). This course is to help the cadets to learn leadership performance, and reinforces prior tactical training through a series of simulated squad level tactical situations.

"The Strac was my favorite part of the f.t.x

due, to the fact that it showed how one would or wouldn't act in the line of battle," said Isaac Battle, 21 sophomore from Washington, D.C.

By the middle of next day the cadets were very tired, but were motivated enough to do the next three field training exercises. The cadets got a chance to repel "hollywood style" from a 30 ft. tower, with a rope and their hands to guide them and stop them.

To repel off the tower, the cadets were given a class how to suit up in the proper gear, and safety tips on and repelling Hollywood style. "I have a fear of heights but, once I got on the tower and knew that I was safe, my fear left and I was able to repel," said Reana Wells, 21, biology major from Houston, Texas.

After the cadets got the hang of repelling they were challenged to a force-on-force assault team mission. In order to gain complete success on the force-on-force mission, each platoon must have been able to capture the next person's flag, must not have any casualties and must complete the assigned mission within a given time frame.

The last mission was the water survival course, for those cadets who could swim. They were given the

opportunity to jump in a swimming pool blindfolded with a weapon in their hands and swim were given the opportunity to learn how to swim.

"I feel that even though the cadets were tired by the end of the field training exercises, they learned a lot," said Capt. Bobby Simmons, Inf. USA, assistant professor of military science.

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placed fourth with a jump of 40 feet 5 inches.

On day two, Dytonya Maryland opened up the meet with her best outdoor performance ever in the 800m dash, placing second with a time of 2:10.8.

Later that evening, the 1600m Relay team of Cecilia Crear, Christine Gray, Lisa Rosborough and Dytonya Maryland placed third with a time of 3:43.5, one of the best times in the SWAC so far.

The men's team did exceptionally well in their events considering they were missing a few runners. Their times in the relays should make them one of the teams to

watch in SWAC.



From The Panther File: The old Science Building used to stand tall beside the library before it was demolished.

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Spring Fest '94 In The Air

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Thursday, March 31, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Manage It: Stress Management Series in Evans Hall call to register, seating is limited.

Friday, April 1 Easter Holiday

Sunday, April 3, 7:30 p.m. Gospel Festival in the All Faith Chapel

Instruction Resumes

Monday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. All Games Night in the MSC Ballroom

Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. Fashion Showcase in the University Fieldhouse (**EARTH DAY**)

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. Talent Competition in the University Fieldhouse

Thursday, April 7, 8:00 p.m. Comedy Showcase featuring **Tommy Davidson** of "In Living Color" and **Kim Coles** of "Living Single" in the University Fieldhouse

Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. CSO Step Show/Dance in the University Fieldhouse

Saturday, April 9, 8:00 p.m. Spring Concert featuring **Aaron Hall**, **Zhane** and **Prairie View Students**.

PV's Spring Fest 1994

By Stephanie Banks
Lifestyles Editor

Spring is in the air and the Spring Fest 1994 is just around the corner, so break out those fashions and let's get ready to party "PV" style.

This year Student Activities are going all out to bring life to Prairie View's campus for this year's Spring Festival scheduled for the week of April 3-9. A week of fun happening events are scheduled, along with a variety of old and new

activities and performances.

Sunday, April 3 will kick off the festivities with a Gospel Festival in the All Faith Chapel at 7:30 p.m.. Monday, April 4 will be the annual All Games Night in the MSC Ballroom where the game room will be open for card, dominoes and pool tournaments. This festivity is scheduled to start at 7:30. Tuesday, April 5, the Fashion Showcase is scheduled. Students of Prairie View will showcase their styles and many others for the spring collection, it is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the University Fieldhouse. Wednesday, April 6 is the Talent Showcase where the hot new talents of Prairie View are showcased, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the University Fieldhouse. Thursday, April 7 at 8:00 p.m. Prairie View is in for a treat with the Comedy Showcase featuring Tommy



Demetric Mass answers questions

Demetric Wins Mr. PV Title

By La Shonda Williams
Panther Reporter

The winner of Mr. Prairie View A&M University's Eighth Annual Scholarship Pageant captured the judges' attention with his charm, poise and intellect. Demetric Mass was presented as Mr. Prairie View A&M University 1994-1995, the audience screamed with it's approval. Demetric had earlier won both the talent and interview competitions.

The 22-year-old, West Texas State University transfer student, is a marketing major. "I was overwhelmed. I couldn't believe I won, I just got here. I didn't think I had a chance," said Mass.

Mass performed a dramatic interpretation of an athlete's rise and fall.

"I wanted to bring attention to illiteracy and hopefully someone was touched. I love football but I know my education comes first."

"All of my life I have said, I should have, I could have and this year I finally did. I really want to be a positive role model for everybody, especially my brother. I am proud because I have accomplished my goal," said Mass.

When asked what his goals are as Mr. Prairie View Mass said, "I would

like to establish a good relationship with the student body, visit high schools and end any misconceptions about Prairie View. I want to share my experience of attending West Texas State University, a predominantly white university, in order to appreciate Prairie View, a historically black college and encourage others to attend HBCUs. Increasing Prairie View's population is one of my priorities."

Demetric would like to be an entrepreneur and establish a community center that would provide educational and recreational opportunities for youth. "I really love football and plan to begin a children's football team. I want the children of tomorrow to know there are positive things they can do within their community. I want them to know that drugs aren't the answer, but in actuality, the problem. I want them to know they have an alternative," he said.

Mass said, "I would like to thank my mother and father for helping me prepare for the pageant, Hillary Willford, and a close friend, for helping me with the talent competition. Most of all I would like to thank the Lord because, without him, there would be no me."

PV's Rapor Turns Heads On the Music Scene

By: Paul Masterson
Panther Staff

Charismatic, stylish and soothing are one could use to describe the dynamic vocals

of

Rapor,

the

newest

singing

group

to hit

Prairie

View's

campus.

The is

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Cedric

Goodman

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Pitrey

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a frenzied

following

among

the students

on PV's

campus.

Debuting

its first

single, "This

Is Way Love

Should Be All

For You" at

the PV-Texas

Southern

University

game.

In a recent

interview,

Pitrey and

Goodman

talked

candidly

about the

group's

conception,

the meaning

of "Rapor,"

and its future.

The group

was

formed in

the fall of

1993

when

Pitrey and

Goodman

met at

the PV

summer

talent

showcase.

Finding

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between them, they combined their talents a view to improving the image of the Black man on campus.

Rapor, which means

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"Music

is the

universal

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with our music we want to bring people together", Goodman said.

Goodman, a Dallas native whose father was a member of the Mighty Clouds of Joy gospel choir, said say the group's music deals with love and relationships as they are valued by God.

The two men attribute their success to God, their families and the Roberts' family.

When asked what do they see themselves doing in 1999, both replied, "We see ourselves still trying to make it to the top. Once we get there, there will be no stopping us."

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| | 6. If That's Your Boyfriend | Me Shell Nidge Ocello |
| | 7. Let's Make Love | Aaron Hall |
| | 8. Always On My Mind | SW |
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| | 10. Outstanding | Sagittarius O'Neil |

HOROSCOPES

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) * You have a secret admire watching you. This month you need to say what is on your mind. Lover cannot detect a mistake unless you tell him or her about it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) * Don't waste time searching for love because it is sure to appear. Joking with a sweetheart will bring the two of you closer. Remember you are full of wisdom.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) * You have found what you have been searching for in this relationship, you have a right to be excited. Try not to talk yourself into wanting the unnecessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) * Take time out and listen to some advice, in the long run it will help. You have an impressive instinct for taking appropriate measures in romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) * Your goals and dreams mean the world to you, do not give up, believe in them. A former lover sends you a message via a mutual friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) * Get back into the swing of things as far as your priorities are concerned. Luckily your love life is on the right track.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) * You have been extremely busy this month and so has your partner, the two of you will spend a lot of time together this month. Daily activities should go smoothly, remember stay on top of things.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) * If someone tells you the complete truth you have the authority to do the same. Make yourself available for a love one, they will find that very attractive.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) * Take care of your unfinished business before you finally relax. Romance will be good with a person who is equal to you in every way.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) * Help out a close friend who is in trouble now. A relationship of convenience becomes more substantial.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) * Honesty is the key. Watch what you say to some people because they might take it the wrong way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) * Deflect stress by cutting out the riffraff. Step back and realize who your real friends really are. Tell all those people in your business to find some of their own.

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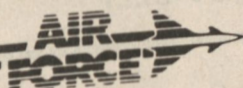
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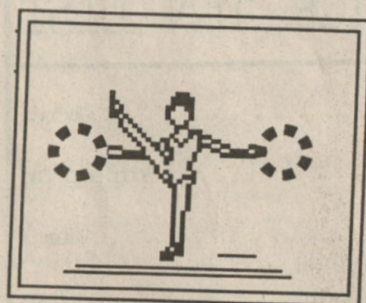
By ERICA D. SANDERS
Panther Reporter

The late Bruce Lee's spirit must have been at the Martial Arts Exhibition. A member of the Prairie View A&M University's martial arts team, who ranks number 1 in the state of Texas, and third in the nation sprained his knee. The show, however went on!

The exhibition was held Saturday, March 19 at the PVAMU University Fieldhouse. PVAMU's martial arts team consist of 10 members. Larry Hendrix is president, and the only female member, Tracy Snell, is vice-president.

The purpose of the exhibition was to showcase different types of karate and self-defense techniques. Michael Wilson, a team member, injured his knee during the show, and was unable to participate.

Hendrix said, "despite Michael's injury, the exhibition was a success." He also said that there are many longterm goals in store, for the martial arts team. The goals include raising money for tournaments, and to further increase the notoriety of the team.



Dr. Good

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The Loss of Samuel M. Good

faculty members including Dr. Dorisula Hawkins, president of the Faculty Senate, the city of Prairie View's mayor Lee Henderson.

Dr. Edward W. Martin, dean of Arts and Sciences, presided over the services.

Other expressions and tributes were given by Samantha Glover, a graduate mathematics student, and Dr. Seab A. Smith of the Boy Scouts of America.

A friend and colleague of Good, the Rev. Frederick Gray, pastor of the Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church in Jonesboro, Ga. was also in attendance and spoke of his memories of Good and his accomplishments. Dr. Evelyn E. Thornton, professor & head of the Math Department spoke on behalf of the math department at the services as well.

Good was born Feb. 22, 1933 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. He graduated from South Carolina State University

in 1957 then entered the U.S. army as a second Lieutenant. After leaving the Army, he taught mathematics at Sims High School, and Lincoln High School, both in South Carolina. He received his graduate degree from Atlanta University and continued his education at the University of Wisconsin, Portland State, and Texas A&M University.

During the course of his 33 years at Prairie View, Good established a wonderful teaching relationship with his students. "He always had some fun new equation or way to do problems for his students," said Dr. Thornton of the math Department.

At the time of his death, Good was a deacon at Mount Corinth Baptist church, a member of Omega Phi Psi Fraternity, and Scout Master of Troop #141, Boy Scouts of America.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Yvonne and two children, Karen and David.

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Single". Tickets for this event are \$8 pre-sale, \$12 for students at the door and \$14 for general admission. Friday, Prairie View students will step in to the dome at 7:30 p.m. for the CSO Step Show and dance in the University Fieldhouse. The last event scheduled for Spring Fest week, Saturday, April 9 at 8:00 p.m. is the Spring Concert who will feature Aaron Hall

and his hot single "Let's Make Love", Zhane with their hot singles, "La La La" and "Groove Thang" and a host of locals from our own Prairie View students. Tickets will be sold for \$8 as advanced student tickets, \$10 for student tickets the night of the show and \$12 for general admission.

Black Female/Male Issues Discussed at AKA Seminar

By ERICA D. SANDERS
Panther Reporter

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. recently sponsored an informative seminar entitled, "How to Love the Black Man", in Harrington Science Building.

The seminar held Tuesday, March 15, showcased a panel representing the eight historically Black Greek organizations. Shatika McCraw represented the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She spoke of the importance of Black women being emotionally strong in relationships, and said, "Before you can love anyone, you have to understand the true meaning of love. Love is giving of yourself unconditionally, and not giving up on a relationship when something goes wrong."

"Sisters, I came tonight for you to understand, my personal feelings on how to love the Black man." This was Leslie Rhine's opener for a dramatic skit. Rhine, a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., advises Black women not to date men based on popularity or material wealth. She also explained to the women in the audience, that numerous "good" men are overlooked because they have blue-collar jobs. Rhine said women should not overlook a man because he is a bus driver, instead of a doctor.

Johari Smith, of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., stressed commitment in relationships. Smith said, "I think the word love is over-rated, over-

emphasized, and misused. Trust is very important in relationships. You have to have respect for yourself. If you don't respect yourself, he won't either."

Relationships need spiritual guidance, said Janelle Elliot, of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Elliot said that if more couples put God first in their lives, there would not be as many problems. She said, "Black women need to mentally uplift Black men, not mentally tear them down."

The men representing the four historically Black Greek fraternities offered a variety of opinions. The representative of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Phillip Bledsoe, said, "Black women should respect themselves, and they will receive respect."

Phi Beta Sigma member Chris Gatlin, said, "behind every good man there is a good woman." He explained that Black women play an integral part in the success of a Black man. He said that it is hard for Black men to succeed, without the support of a strong Black woman.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity member Eldrige Lee said that many women shun good men, and never give them a chance. He said, "many

women reject good men; they often give them the cold shoulder."

Chris Talley, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., spurred mixed reactions when he said, "women should be more relaxed in relationships, and should not pressure men into having a relationship." He said that if men and women would learn to relax, and just have a good time, commitment could come later.

Several women in the audience thought that Talley's remarks were insensitive. The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, quickly reminded the audience that all opinions are important, and that the purpose of the seminar was for everyone to listen to various opinions, and learn from them.



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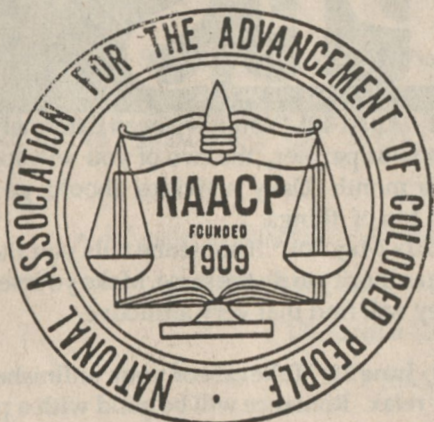
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Women's History Month



Joahanne Thomas-Smith has been Provost and Associate Vice -President for Academic Affairs since 1991. She received her doctorate from Washington State University.



Barbara Jones has been dean of the College of Business since 1989. She is on the All Faiths Advisory Board and Waller ISD Discovery Board.



Mrs. Louise Becton, Prairie View's first lady, is vice president of Waller ISD Foundation. She is a board member of Health Alliance.



Barbara Jacket, the Women's Track coach, was elected coach of the United States Women's Track and Field team for the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain.



Diana Fallis, a Communications professor, is co-publisher of Houston NewsPages. She was honored last year in the Women on the Move awards luncheon.

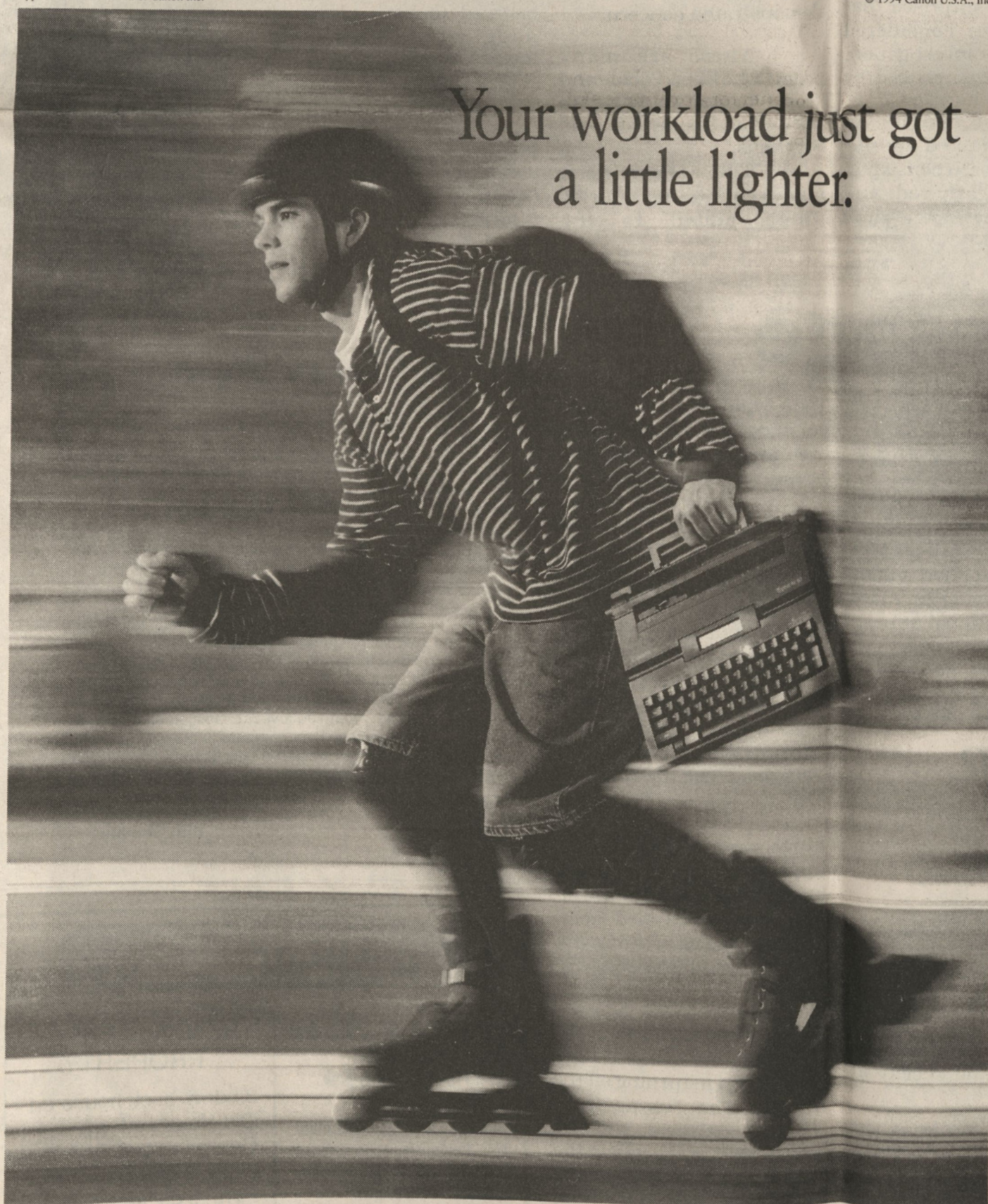


Dr. Jewel Prestage is the dean of Benjamin Banneker Honors College. Under her leadership, the department recently received a foundation check from General Electric.

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Can I Get My Money Back ?



Chandra Baty
Editor-In-Chief

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I want to subtract a portion of the "cable fund" for every time my cable does not come on. I paid for it, so I want to turn on my television and watch cable. So why haven't I been able to do that?

Yes, I have gone through the chain of command and asked for my

cable. I have gotten all kinds of reasons for my

inconvenience. The fact is I don't have it. So GIVE ME MY MONEY BACK.

Can I get my money back for all of the times that I go to Alumni for lunch and they serve rice, and I go at dinnertime and they have the same rice with a different topping?

Or can I have my money back for all the times I've asked the server, "What dish is this?" and she replies "it's beef stroganoff" and I know the same stuff was served as beef tips and noodles two days ago?

Or what about the times when I have had

enough and decided not to eat there for a whole week?

I didn't eat there, so I don't want to be charged for it. (especially \$881.00).

I want my money back for all the times I go to the registrar's office and I tell them I have a deadline to meet in five days, but they

give me the transcript two weeks later. Not to mention the fact the GPA is not calculated and a page of my grades aren't on the transcript.

Can I get it back?

What about the building service fee that I have paid, when I never go to the buildings. I don't go to Home Economics, I don't

go to the Navy ROTC building or the Agriculture building.

What about the parking fee that I pay and when I try to park there is no space. Should I have to pay? No, so hand it over.

And the computer access fee? It's not accessible to me. It's clear across the campus. Besides, when I want to use it, which is usually at 11pm, it's closed. Did I pay for the

property that the post office is sitting on? Well, I want part of my money back when on Saturdays it's only open from 11 a.m. until 12 noon. OOOO-Kay!!! I WAKE UP at 11 a.m. And there is no way

I ever make it to the post office.

Oh, and what about when I ask maintenance for a light bulb or minor repairs

at the beginning of the semester and I see them hangin' and mackin'? Give me the money or should I say My Money and I will go to Walmart and get the stuff myself.

Last but not least, I want a full refund for that one time (because I haven't seen him since) in my freshman year the pest control man came to my room and squirted a piece of the wall and told me he had alleviated my "pest" problem. No!!!!

If I get a refund, then I won't complain. Just hand over the money. I know people really don't believe me, but I would really be happy. So how about it? Can I have my money back?

Student Death

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under investigation.

The PV Police Department, Houston Police Department, and the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office are now working closely together to speed up the investigation.

Smith, who last enrolled at PV in the spring of 1993, suffered a gunshot wound to the head Tuesday, Feb. 6 while visiting room 433 of Fuller Hall, according to Col. Jiles Daniels, vice president of student affairs.

Smith was taken to

Houston's Hermann's Hospital by Life Flight and died around 2:30 p.m. the same day.

Concern was growing that the PV Police Department was not "qualified" or capable of handling such a serious investigation, so they called in "professionals." Stephens responded to this by saying that the H.P.D. was called in "because we wanted to be sure when a final determination is made on what happened, that that determination is based on solid evidence and a solid interpretation of that

evidence."

H.P.D. was not called in because the PV police were

incapable of handling the investigation; on the contrary, "PV police have basically done all the investigative work," said Knapp. "One H.P.D. officer said he was surprised that we had even considered handling this investigation, but was also surprised by how well we handled it. . . our interpretations of evidence gathered by our officers has been consistent with that gathered and interpreted by 'expert' police

officers, as well as the medical examiner," said Stephens.

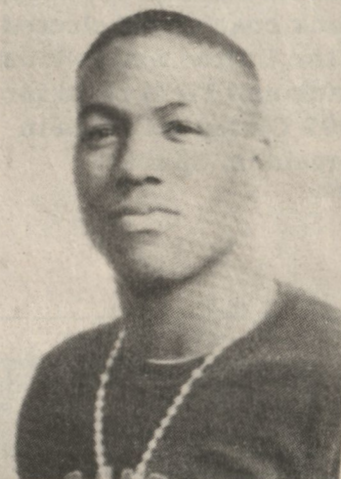
The PV police credit the progress of the case to the abundance of evidence they've found, and to the students who had cooperated and demonstrated concern.

"There are many people who knew Pookie and liked him and would like to know what happened," said Stephens.

"There have been many conflicting stories which added to the

complexity of the case," said Knapp; however, thanks to the autopsy report from the

medical examiner's office, many stories can now be eliminated. "The autopsy won't tell everything, but it will tell you a lot," said Stephens. The autopsy was believed to have played a huge role in the investigation.



Smith

"The case is progressing to a point where it can possibly be closed in the next few weeks. All information will then be

turned over to the district attorney's office and their office will determine the next step," said Stephens.

Get The Message

Letter to the Editor:

If you were home and the fire alarm went off, what would you do? Would you ignore the alarm? Would you just turn it off because the sound was unpleasant, then go on about your business? Would you run screaming from your home, or would you first try to find out where the fire was?

Let us say the fire went unchecked and did indeed become a raging inferno, so you went to a neighbor's home to call 911. What if the fire alarm went off at the station but firefighters, irritated by the loud alarm, simply turned it off and kept doing whatever it was they were doing when the alarm went off? I think you know what would happen: the whole neighborhood would probably go up in flames. Simple logic would lead to the conclusion that you try to put out the fire, not the alarm.

What is happening in this society is that "gangsta rap" is the alarm, but being treated like the fire. The style of hip-hop should alert the economically advantaged members of society to the actual fire, which is the sorry condition of the

economically disadvantaged parts of

urban America. "Gangsta rap" music is merely

reflecting the problems that already exist in the inner city, but too many people are concentrating on silencing the alarm instead of attacking the source. And how do we attack the source? We do it the same way we would attack a fire, by extinguishing the flame from its base.

"I have yet to see an all out attempt to better the conditions of inner cities."

You can hold your finger over a match until it burns to a crisp, but you can not put out the flame unless you smother the tip of the matchstick.

The violence, lack of love, lack of caring and total absence of respect are the flames. The base of those flames is money, or lack thereof. For hundreds of years Black men and women were unable to slip through the cracks and become successful, it stands to reason that the greater majority of Blacks are in the poor economic condition that we are now in because of the systematic disenfranchisement of our people. The government has employed token efforts of aid, but I have yet to see

an all-out attempt to better the condition of inner cities. Most of the schools in these

areas are inferior due to a lack of money, therefore, the more lucrative employment opportunities for people living in those areas are minimal at best.

The message that young Black men and

women get is that the government and society in

general could care less about their plight. Unfortunately, it is a vicious cycle of history that the "haves" are very reluctant to sacrifice even a small portion of their wealth to help the "have nots". Society is more concerned about putting money in those areas to help better the communities. For this reason, many young Black people in America have adopted an "us-against-them" attitude. Our young brothers and sisters show little respect and caring because so little respect and caring is shown to them.

That type of negativity is emanated toward everyone, even toward themselves. In no way is this a justification.

It is simply an explanation, a statement of fact. If the government shows love to the ghetto, the ghetto will show love in return.

Hip-hop music is a legal way of expressing the attitudes in Black urban America. The truth often

hurts and is sometimes frightening, but it is the truth just the same. If that form of expression is banned from the mass media, if the angry (but truthful) messengers

are silenced on a large scale, America will have only succeeded in turning off the alarm. The "us-against-them" attitude will be strengthened because the young brothers and sisters will feel (even more than they do now) that the white dominated government is trying to silence them. The

fire blazing on the streets of urban America will continue grow, unchecked and ignored, until it becomes an inferno that is truly out of control.

Major Stewart

A Broken Heart

They say time can mend a broken heart
No matter how near or far apart, lovers may be.
Day and nite my head is filled with thoughts of
you and me.
Goodbye, it's over, enough resounds in my
mind-but in
My heart LOVE is ever so tightly bound.
For no matter how much I tell myself or you
yourself show.
I can't totally and completely let us go.
The memories are too vivid too real; to tell.
Myself not to feel that you the one in my dreams.
Have thrown our love away busted at the seams.
How can you mend a broken heart when nothing or no
one can break you apart- from what was once
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